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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

14 June 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
ACTING DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

The President has requested a study comparing the military buildup of Soviet forces, atomic and conventional, with that of United States forces over the past eighteen months. It is recognized that in some categories there may have been net decreases over this period.

Your views are also desired as to the probable effect of the current relative military strengths on Soviet attitudes toward the Berlin situation during the coming months.

It is requested that a consolidated paper be prepared under the direction of the Secretary of Defense and forwarded to the President by 20 June 1962.

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